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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S):**

| <u>Country</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>Date of Publication</u> |
|----------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Germany        | 31 24 053  | Dec. 30, 1982              |
| Germany        | 198 34 104 | Feb. 3, 2000               |

The references listed above are mentioned on the first page of Applicant's specification.

An English language abstract is attached to the enclosed copy of DE 31 24 053.

DE 198 34 104 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,244,148 submitted herewith.

Also listed on the first page of Applicant's specification are DE 100 44 705 and DE 100 40 024.

DE 100 44 705 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0029675, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

DE 100 40 024 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0020270, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

U.S. PATENT(S) :

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Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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